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J.V. Stalin Works at Martin

1. The J.V. Stalin Works (Zavody J.V. Stalina) National Enterprise (formerly known as the J.V. Stalin Factory of CKD Sokolovo National Enterprise or as CKD Krivan) is situated at Martin (Turciansky Svaty Martin N 49-04, E 18-56). The factory took four years to build and started production in early 1953. In September 1954 the factory employed some 10,000 workers, most of whom were military personnel (sic) stationed nearby. The factory produces tanks of Soviet design (no further details) for Czechoslovakia and for export. The town of Martin, which has been expanding with the factory and is practically new, now has a population of 36,000.

Motorpal Factory at Jihlava

2. Motorpal National Enterprise is situated in Jihlava and produces components for vehicles and tanks, including carburetors and pumps (vstrikovac). Some of the components are for Soviet T-34 tanks produced at the V.I. Lenin Works in Pilsen and others are for tanks produced at the J.V. Stalin Works in Martin. In the latter case, Motorpal received drawings and specifications from the Stalin factory. The Motorpal factory also produces components for tanks and vehicles under subcontract from Soviet factories. A Soviet "expert" with the rank of engineer, has been working at the Motorpal factory. His rank is in fact an overstatement of his qualifications, which are those of a foreman. Motorpal was instructed (date unknown) to prepare designs for the construction of an identical factory in Hungary, but this project was later dropped altogether.

Autobrzdy Factories

3. The main Autobrzdy factory and administration are located on Na roli Street in Jablonec nad Nisou (N 50-43, E 15-11). There are several subsidiary factories:

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one factory in Jablonec on Gottwaldova ulice,
 one at Jilemnice (N 50-36, E 15-31),
 one at Mrac, near Klanovice,
 one at Hodkovice nad Mohelkou (N 50-40, E 15-05).

It was planned to move the Mrac subsidiary factory to Jablonec at the end of 1954, but no site had so far been found. The principal product is automobile brakes (no further details), but the Mrac factory also produces hydraulic elevators, and the Jilemnice factory makes R.V. covers (R.V. vicka - sic). The "R.V. covers" produced at the Jilemnice factory are all consigned to the military authorities at Hradec Kralove (Ordnance and Supply Base); some of the other products are exported to Poland and Hungary.

Avia Factory near Prague

4. The Avia factory near Prague² is working short time due to the lack of materials, and the workers are extremely dissatisfied because of the uncertain employment and fall in earnings.

Aero Factory at Semily

5. The Aero factory at Semily (N 50-36, E 15-20) produces Model 601 aircraft undercarriages. This is an old model used in piston-engined aircraft. About July 1954 the factory started the production of sugar-beet combines and accessories; the production of undercarriages was reduced at the same time.

1. Comment: Only the subsidiary factories at Hodkovice and Mrac are listed in available reference materials.

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2. Comment: Presumably the J. Dimitrov Plant of Avia National Enterprise, in Letnany near Prague.

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